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## Tough Gurkha Soldiers Dwindle

### As U.K. Army Trims Forces

KATMANDU, Nepal, June 27 (UPI) — Each year about 300 young men descend from the hills of Nepal to join the ranks of a special fighting force with a tradition a century and a half old — the Gurkhas of the British Army.

But their numbers are dwindling because of the reduction of the British Army and there are some who wonder if the days of the Gurkhas are numbered.

"Oh, yes, I liked it," Rambahadur Thapa said, recalling his service in Malaysia, Hong Kong, Cyprus and Britain. "It was good, good officers."

Mr. Thapa retired seven years ago and lives in central Nepal near the Gurkha district. "My father was in the Gurkhas, too," he said, "at Alamein and also in Cyprus."

19th-Century Recruitment

The British impressed with the fighting spirit of the Gurkhas, who were their opponents on the way into Nepal from British-ruled India, began recruiting the small, tough soldiers in the early 19th century.

Over the years the Gurkhas served the British Empire in India, Flanders and Ieper during World War I; Burma, Tobruk and Alamein during World War II, and later in Malaysia and Indonesia.

"I think they're absolutely first-class infantry soldiers," said Lt. Col. P.T. Bowering, a British Army officer who served with the Gurkhas for 25 years and is now defense attaché at the British Embassy here. "They're hard. They're tough. They're extremely intelligent. They're eager to learn. And they're delightful to serve with."

The stories of Gurkha bravery

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Gurkha soldiers: an uncertain future in British Army.

United Press International

### But Scoffs at Egypt's Proposals

## Begin Says Plan Not Rejected

JERUSALEM, June 27 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin said today that Israel had not rejected the latest Egyptian peace plan but he made it clear that the basic proposals reportedly being drafted in Cairo are unacceptable.

A statement from the prime

minister's office said that the Cabinet decision Sunday rejected only the proposals made public by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and did not refer to the plan that Egypt intends to submit to Washington within a week.

"To this day Egypt has not pre-

sented a peace plan and, therefore, no such plan has been rejected by Israel," Mr. Begin said.

Mr. Sadat, however, has indicated clearly that his suggestions, which include total Israeli withdrawal from occupied areas, would be incorporated into the plan.

Reaffirming Israel's rejection of the proposals broadcast by Cairo radio last week, Mr. Begin said that Israel

"is prepared to conduct negotiations on peace treaties without prior conditions from any side."

President Carter has criticized Israel for "rejecting an Egyptian proposal that has not even been made." Israel refused to reply directly to Mr. Carter's statement.

Vice President Mondale begins a four-day visit to Israel this weekend.

The Egyptian plan calls on Israel

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### Carter Blocked By Senate on Oil Import Fee

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP-DJ) — The Senate voted today to block President Carter from imposing an import fee on foreign oil, despite claims by administration supporters that the move would restrict him at next month's economic summit meeting in West Germany.

Senators voted 49 to 39 in support of a measure by Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., that would deprive Mr. Carter of U.S. funds needed to impose such a fee.

The measure was amended to an \$8.8-billion funding bill for the Treasury and the Postal Service. It will have to be reconciled with the House version of the funding bill, which does not contain an import-fee ban.

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Arrangements Made

The arrangements for the trade were made during recent discussions between Mr. Dobrynin and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, officials said.

The plan began to unfold on 3 p.m. yesterday in Newark, N.J., when an assistant U.S. attorney

recently shown unhappiness with his country's growing image as a Soviet satellite in the Middle East.

Conflict on Eritrea

This had led to friction between Mr. Ali and Mr. Ismail on the direction of Southern Yemen policy.

In recent months, the Soviet Union has used Aden as a link in its flight to Ethiopia and about 500 Cuban troops were reported there.

Mr. Ali was reported to have been opposed to helping the Ethiopians crush the Eritrean movement, while Mr. Ismail was said to have gone along with the continued Soviet assistance to the Ethiopians.

The officials also disclosed that the Dresser deal was only the first in a series of proposed sales involving oil equipment and other items of advanced technology that are coming under scrutiny along with U.S. grain shipments.

Agencies Dispute Idea

The idea of imposing restrictions on oil-related sales is being challenged by State Department and Commerce Department officials who contend that a ban would result in business being lost to other Western countries and might further impair Soviet-U.S. relations.

In a commencement address Sunday before the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y., Secretary of Commerce Juanita Kreps said that she was concerned over "the growing tendency for the United States to deny trade as a political gesture."

President Carter, asked at a

White House news conference yesterday whether the United States

was linking trade to Soviet actions

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## S. Yemen Coup Sets Back U.S. Bid to Improve Ties

By Bernard Gwertzman

WASHINGTON, June 27 (NYT) — A U.S. effort to lessen Southern Yemen's dependence on the Soviet bloc seemed to collapse yesterday with the overthrow and execution of the president by political rivals, who are viewed here as much more doctrinaire in their support of Moscow's policies.

A special mission headed by Joseph Twinam, a State Department official in charge of Arabian peninsula affairs, was due to arrive in Southern Yemen today, but the trip was called off and Mr. Twinam was ordered to proceed to Yemen, whose president was assassinated Saturday.

Some officials here said that the slaying of the Yemeni leader, Lt. Col. Ahmed al-Ghashmi, may have

been engineered by Southern Yemeni officials who had been at odds with him and had given asylum to officers who had recently fled Yemen.

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overthrow his main political rival, Abdel Fattah Ismail, the head of the National Front in Southern Yemen.

Ismail Wins Control

But in a day of fighting, Mr. Ismail retained control of the Soviet and East German armed police and military, forcing the president to resign in disgrace. Military units later

announced the execution of Mr. Ali.

Some officials speculated that the impending visit of Mr. Twinam to Southern Yemen may have forced the issue.

Mr. Ali had sent signals through diplomatic channels that he was eager to improve relations with the United States — Southern Yemen had broken ties in 1969 — and had

been engineered by Southern Yemeni officials who had been at odds with him and had given asylum to officers who had recently fled Yemen.

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### Aden Reported Calm

## Pro-Soviet Unit Tightens S. Yemen Grip

BEIRUT, June 27 (UPI) — Pro-Soviet hardliners tightened their hold on Southern Yemen today after toppling President Salim Robaya Ali yesterday and executing him by firing squad.

The Iraqi News Agency said that Aden, the capital, was calm this morning. With communications to the outside cut off and the airport closed, the Iraqi agency apparently managed to file through its embassy's wireless facilities.

There was no confirmation of Beirut newspaper reports that fighting continued in the capital until well after midnight last night as the militias of the pro-Soviet National Liberation Front of Abdel Fattah Ismail hunted the supporters of Mr. Ali. The newspapers said that the battles between rival factions in the seaside capital lasted about 15 hours.

Military Purge Expected

The leftist daily As Safir said that there were many casualties from the fighting, and some published reports said that a large-scale purge of the military was expected.

"It was quiet in Aden Tuesday and no shooting was heard," the news agency reported from the capital. It said that the government radio reported earlier communiques announcing the execution of the 43-year-old president.

The dispatch said that a steam-powered train travels about 350 miles between Kunming and Hukou each day to take the arriving refugees to state farms in several Chinese provinces.

### Pending Court Appearances

## U.S., Soviet Union Trade Releases of 3 Held in Jail

By Charles Babcock

WASHINGTON, June 27 (WP)

The United States and the Soviet Union engineered an unusual trade yesterday in which two alleged Soviet espionage agents jailed here and an American being held in Moscow were released in the custody of their ambassadors.

Under terms of the agreement, the two Russians and Francis Crawford, an American businessman, still face charges and their future court appearances have been assured by Ambassadors Anatoli Dobrynin and Malcolm Toon. U.S. officials said yesterday. They said they could recall no such arrangement in the past.

The officials cautioned, however, that the trade did not necessarily mean there would be an immediate swap so the accused could return home. "The cases aren't equal," an official said.

The two Soviet citizens, Valdik Enger and Rudolf Chernyayev, were being held on \$2-million bail each after their arrests last month. The two UN employees were charged with paying \$20,000 in cash for secret anti-submarine warfare documents being supplied by a U.S. Navy officer who was cooperating with the FBI.

Currency Charge

In what was widely viewed here as a Soviet response, Mr. Crawford, an International Harvester Co. official, was arrested a few weeks later and charged with violations of Soviet currency laws.

President Carter mentioned Mr. Crawford in his nationally televised press conference yesterday, warning that the arrest might scare off other American businessmen. "We've had a very hard time trying to determine if there are any grounds for his arrest and the Soviet press . . . has already condemned him," Mr. Carter said.

The general tenor of the president's remarks about relations with the Soviet Union, however, seemed designed to take the edge off weeks of increasingly shrill rhetoric on each side. The arrests of the alleged espionage agents and Mr. Crawford have added to the tensions between the two superpowers.

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North Volatile, South Stalemated

## Lebanese Awaiting Renewed Battles

By James M. Markham

BEIRUT, June 27 (NYT) — Survivors of one of the most vicious civil wars of this century, the Lebanese are waiting for their country to explode again.

A bloody vendetta has begun among the feudal chieftains of the important Maronite Catholic community in the mountainous heart of the country, and in the south, Christians, Palestinians, Israelis and a polyglot United Nations force are maneuvering for position, their guns ready.

It seems certain that there will be more violence in Lebanon, but a resumption of all-out civil war appears less likely. "Everybody is waiting for something, but nothing will happen," predicted an unusually sanguine Christian editor in Beirut. "In Lebanon now, there will be no major wars. There will be local clashes without shaking the so-called state."

Thirteen nations and 36,000 foreign troops are now committed to maintaining peace in Lebanon — nine of the states from the hastily stitched-together UN interim force in Lebanon that has a mandate to occupy the stretch of the south seized by Israel in its attack on Palestinian guerrillas in March.

But more important in maintaining what one politician called "a balance of terror in which everyone is weakened" is the 30,000-man

Syrian-dominated Arab peacekeeping force that ended two years of open civil war at the end of 1976. In 3½ years, President Hafez al-Assad has swung Syria's decisive weight first against Christian militiamen, then against Palestinian guerrillas — and now once more against the Christians.

The result has been to diminish all the armed bands and private armies, 43 at last count, that have made this land a killing ground in which Arabs, Israelis and other outsiders have played out their rivalries by proxy — while Lebanese and Palestinians also settled scores. Mr. Assad has been able to impose a truce on Lebanon, but he has not been able to rebuild the shattered Lebanese state under President Elias Sarkis, a former banker who reached his office with pivotal backing by Damascus.

On the night of June 13, the day the Israelis pulled their last forces out of Lebanon, a smoldering power struggle among the three main Maronite camps exploded with a violence shocking even for Lebanon.

About 500 militiamen of the rightist Phalange advanced on the northern town of Ehden, attacked the home of Tony Franjeh, the 36-year-old son of Lebanon's last president, slaughtered him, his wife and their 3-year-old daughter, who was shot two dozen times, and killed 31 other persons.

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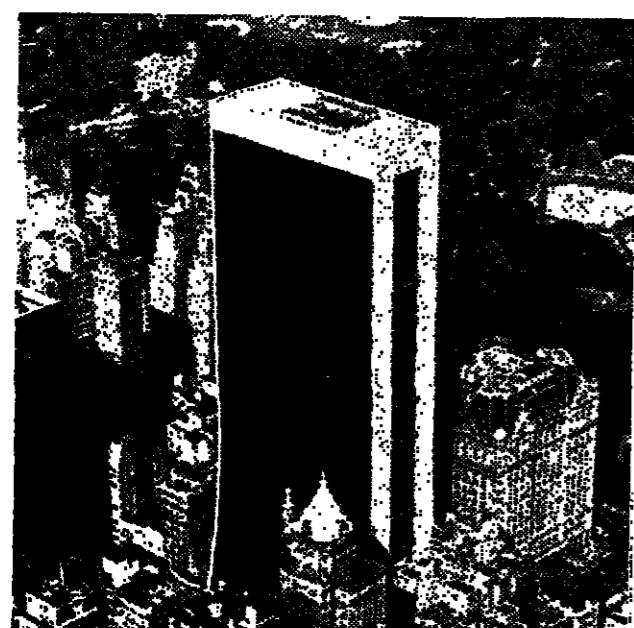
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It is universally expected that the 68-year-old Mr. Franjeh will have revenge for the slaying of his son, though the roughly 1,000 armed men he can muster are no match for the 6,000 armed Phalangists, a relatively disciplined force that has been put on full alert.

In the meantime, Mr. Franjeh, charging that the Phalangists want to formally partition Lebanon, has ordered all of them in his northern turf around Zghorta to resign from the party or clear out, which seems to be happening. At the same time, Franjeh followers who had been living in Phalange strongholds have fled to West Beirut, which is heavily Moslem. In further clashes, the Franjeh people stand to lose important financial interests, like their holdings in the Casino du Liban north of Beirut.

Beyond the vendetta that many now believe inevitable, the danger of this split among the Maronites, the most powerful Christian community, is that it might degenerate into an open confrontation between the Phalangists and the Syrian peacekeeping troops, which are nominally at the disposal of Mr. Sarkis. Himself a Maronite, in keeping with Lebanese custom, the cautious president is reluctant to order the Syrians into battle against his own community, even though the Syrians are the only real force he commands — and the main guarantee against a major blowup.

Maronites in Army

With painful slowness, Mr. Sarkis's low-profile government has been rebuilding the Lebanese Army, shattered along religious lines during the civil war, which today has a strength of 5,000 men. But, though the force is being imbued with a nonsectarian spirit, no one is sure what would happen if it were ordered into battle, and it still has a disproportionate number of Maronite officers.

At a May 31 meeting, Mr. Assad and Mr. Sarkis reportedly agreed to dispatch 1,500 troops from the new Lebanese Army to patrol the Israeli-Lebanese border after the Israeli troops pulled out two weeks later. But, instead of turning over the border area to the United Nations on June 13, the Israelis gave control to 1,500 Christian militiamen whom they have been supporting for two years in an artillery war with Palestinian guerrillas.

The Israeli-armed irregulars have said that they will fire on the UN troops if they attempt to enter the border zone, and Mr. Sarkis is apparently unwilling to send his own small army to the area until the United Nations has first secured it. The tense stalemate in the south is directly linked to the volatile situation in the Christian north, since the central Phalange leadership is in a position to give orders — and send reinforcements, via Israel — to the southern irregulars.

"If we restore Lebanese sovereignty in the south," a high-ranking UN commander reportedly said, speaking of his force's Security Council mandate, "it will be the only place where it exists in Lebanon." But, in the view of a few optimists here, UN control of the whole southern zone could have an important stabilizing effect in the rest of Lebanon.

## Iceland Premier Quits After Vote

REYKJAVIK, June 27 (AP) — Premier Geir Halgrimsen resigned today after the defeat in parliamentary elections Sunday of the two parties which had formed his coalition government since August of 1974.

Icelandic President Kristjan Eldjarn presided over a council of state and accepted the government's resignation, and then asked Mr. Halgrimsen and his ministers to continue running Iceland on a caretaker basis.

The Social Democratic Party scored the biggest gains in elections for a new parliament, at the expense of the Independence and Progressive parties, which previously governed in a coalition.

Mr. Begin scoffed at the Sadat proposal in a speech last night. He said that Israel was being asked to withdraw totally before negotiations began. "Thank you very much," he said sarcastically. He repeated that the terms of peace could not be dictated.

The Cabinet statement emphasized that Israel viewed the proposal as setting conditions for negotiations, because security arrangements would be discussed only five years after withdrawal.

But officials could not explain how Mr. Sadat's idea differed from an Israeli proposal transmitted to Washington 10 days ago, that Israel would agree to discuss "the future of relations" with the Palestinians only five years after its own plan for Palestinian self-rule went into force.

**U.S. Scientists in Greece**

SAFONIKA, Greece, June 27 (UPI) — Three scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey arrived here today to join other foreign and Greek scientists doing research in the wake of last week's earthquake.

The agency speculated that the warships — two cruisers and a destroyer — were heading for their home port following an anti-submarine exercise off Guam earlier this month.

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Debris from Monday's bombing piled in a corridor at Versailles palace.

## In Versailles Bombing Investigation

### French Police Hold Breton Nationalists

PARIS, June 27 (UPI) — Police took into custody several Breton nationalists today, 24 hours after the Breton Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the bomb blast that partly wrecked the historic Versailles palace.

The police said they were not taking the claims of the leftist groups seriously because a spokesman said, "this attack fits in completely in style, form and principle with the procedure of this [Breton] organization."

#### No Surprise to Police

"The diversity of the objectives chosen by the Breton Republican Army is such that nothing in this surprises us," the spokesman said.

Preliminary estimates set the damage at more than 5 million

francs (about \$1 million) and officials said that it would take two to three months to restore the paintings and a year before the wing could be reopened to the public.

The attack prompted indignation among French officials and media.

An official presidential spokesman called the attack "a deplorable damage to an essential part of the French heritage," and the French Cultural Ministry issued a statement saying, "in a few seconds, thousands of hours of work by French artists and craftsmen and millions of francs were annihilated" and compromised the government policy of making the national art collections accessible to all.

#### Bomb Found in Store

PARIS, June 27 (UPI) — A powerful bomb discovered today in the toy department of a large Paris department store was set to go off when the store is most crowded with children and customers, the police said. There was no indication of whether the homemade explosive was linked to the bombing of the Versailles palace.

The police said the bomb was found inside the box of a toy automobile on the shelves of the toy department of the Bazar de l'Hotel de Ville in central Paris.

A customer who picked up the box found it unusually heavy and showed it to a sales employee, the police said. The employee opened the box and alerted the police and the store's security personnel. The police said the device had been set to go off last Saturday afternoon, but for some reason failed to detonate.

#### Hard Campaign

The major parties had campaigned hard in both regions. National party leaders had been afraid that a local loss would cut into their bargaining power in the more important contest that begins Thursday — the election by Parliament of the president of the republic.

In Val d'Aosta, the Union Valdostaine, an alliance of regional interests, won 26 percent of the vote, up from 11 percent before. In Friuli-Venezia Giulia, a local alliance polled 40 percent and the Communists 21 percent, according to nearly complete returns — a gain of about one percentage point for both parties over the last election.

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his car at a traffic light two weeks ago and was charged with selling U.S. currency to Soviet citizens at speculative prices.

At about the time of Mr. Crawford's arrest, the Russians also announced that they had ordered Martha Peterson, a CIA agent in a diplomatic post at the U.S. Embassy, out of the country last summer because of her alleged complicity in a murder.

This escalation of spy charges was predicted by State Department and CIA officials at the time of May 20 espionage arrests in New Jersey. But Attorney General Griffin Bell pushed for prosecuting the two Soviet UN officials and was backed by Mr. Carter.

The exchange was the first recent sign of a more amicable way of settling problems in the sensitive field of spying and retaliation.

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The prime focus of Seastar during its anticipated one to three years of operation will be the Atlantic, where most of the world's ships and accidents occur.

Assisting the United States in receiving and transmitting Seastar data will be Canada and Britain, which are responsible for updating weather data on both sides of the North Atlantic. So precise will be Seastar's storm data that it will be able to differentiate gales and hurricanes from the foam they generate on the ocean's waves.

According to the Soviet Union's most important measurements may be the changes in ocean current directions. One of its first tests will be to watch for changes in the treacherous Agulhas current near the tip of Madagascar off southern Africa, where tankers can be torn open by sudden shifts in current.

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Sales of U.S. oil technology to

Moscow were prohibited until

1969, when Congress passed the Export Administration Act, which removed many barriers to Soviet-U.S. trade. In 1972, the Nixon administration gave Moscow access

to oil equipment, prohibiting sales

that were judged to have direct military applications.

**Linkage Diplomacy**

These aides are concerned that the U.S. decision not to link Soviet actions in Africa and other regions

with arms control negotiations has

made it difficult for the United States to pressure Moscow to alter its behavior.

Accordingly, the Soviet Union's

growing dependence on the West

for help in developing its oil resources is thought to make Moscow vulnerable to "linkage diplomacy."

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their energy problem, we should force them to pay a price," said an official.

#### Grain Talks Planned

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 27 (UPI) — Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland said yesterday that the United States is interested in expanding foreign trade with the Soviet Union but will take a firm stand during negotiations.

Addressing the 95th annual con-

vention of the American Sec-

Trade Association, he said that any deal would not be at the expense of U.S. needs.

"I'm going to bargain with the Russians, but I'm not going to give them anything," Mr. Bergland said. "We're not going to let them raid our pantry as they did in 1972." He also said that the United States was interested in expanding its market to China, and he said he hoped to visit that country soon.

## On U.S., Soviet Arms

### CIA Says SALT Accord Will Not Slow Spending

By George C. Wilson

WASHINGTON, June 27 (WP)

— The Central Intelligence Agency yesterday discouraged any idea that a new U.S.-Soviet strategic arms agreement would enable both superpowers to reduce defense spending.

"Conclusion of a SALT-2 agreement along the lines currently being discussed would not, in itself, slow the growth of Soviet defense spending significantly," the CIA predicted in the unclassified version of a report submitted to the congressional Joint Economic Committee.

Since the Carter administration has repeatedly pledged to keep up with the Soviet Union militarily, the view from the CIA is for higher and higher defense budgets in both nations' strategic arms agreement or not.

While the CIA's assessment may give ammunition to critics of the strategic arms limitation talks, President Carter has based his pursuit of a SALT agreement not on saving money but on making the world less dangerous by reducing the nuclear arsenals commanded by Washington and Moscow. There, his pursuit is expected to continue.

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# Decrease in Crime Rate Revives Hope in City Neighborhoods of U.S.

By John Herbers

NEW YORK, June 27 (NYT) — The number of aggravated assaults, robberies and burglaries that have plagued urban communities in recent years is reported to be declining in most large U.S. cities.

If the trend continues, as some authorities expect, it would facilitate the renewal of central city neighborhoods that have undergone a steady loss of middle-class residents. Fear of steady harm and loss of property has been a major factor in the deterioration of the cities.

Already there are signs of a public perception of safer streets and homes. The purchase and rehabilitation of old homes by middle- and middle-aged couples, the sprucing up of old neighborhoods that were rapidly declining five years ago, and new economic development in downtown areas. In most cities, crime is not the political issue that it was five years ago.

Even though crime remains high and decay in many cities has not been arrested, a change

for the better is widely perceived. And it is borne out by the available statistics.

#### Elusive Explanation

It is a change that cannot be fully explained by police officials, sociologists or other urban experts, although they agree that the main factor is a decline in the number of young persons of crime-committing age.

On March 21, the Justice Department released statistics showing that reports of serious crime decreased 6 percent last year in cities with populations of more than a million. In cities of a half million or more, the decline was 4 percent, as it was nationally.

A spot check of representative cities shows that the decline appears to be continuing. In Manhattan, there were fewer robberies, burglaries and assaults during the first quarter of this year than in the first quarter of last year.

In Detroit, Police Chief William Hart said: "Crime last year was down 19.4 percent, more

than [in] any other city with a population of 10,000 or more. This year it is 11.6 percent under last year's total. That is a reduction of over 30 percent in two years."

In Chicago, James O'Grady, the superintendent of police, reported that crime decreased by 8.3 percent in the first five months of this year, continuing a decline that had been under way since 1974 after nine years of steady acceleration.

#### Brighter Impressions

The statistics are accompanied by public impressions of safer streets and neighborhoods and of fewer robberies, assaults and burglaries — the crimes that most ravage cities because they reach more victims and raise fears of such less-common crimes as rape and murder.

According to the index of reported crimes, Dayton has the highest rate of crime per capita of any city in Ohio. Last year, Dayton's crime rate showed a decrease of 7 percent from that of 1976. In 1974, the University of Dayton

found that 68 percent of city residents surveyed said that they felt safe walking in their neighborhoods. Last year, 92 percent said that they felt safe.

Some of the national experts on crime believe that the decline has resulted more from changes in society than from anything done by the government or the police.

Marvin Wolfgang, a professor of sociology and law at the University of Pennsylvania, told a congressional subcommittee headed by Rep. James Scheuer, D-N.Y., that the decline in the number of males between the ages of 15 and 24, those who commit most of the crimes, was the overriding reason for the drop in crime.

"What matters what we may otherwise have done — increased the number of police, tried to control, prevent or deter crime — the changing age composition is extremely important," he said. "We have found that the rates of crimes of violence are likely to decline in the late '70s, continue to decline in the '80s, just on the basis of changing age composition alone."

In Chicago, however, the number of young males who are members of minority groups in the ghetto has remained stable. Franklin Zimring, director of the Center for Studies in Criminal Justice of the University of Chicago Law School, is not convinced that the trend will continue.

"What it amounts to is good news with no ready explanation," he said. "I have not noticed a renaissance in the quality of life in the ghetto, and I see little reason for the decline. It may be that people are doing more to reduce their exposure to risk."

In U.S. cities, police departments and prosecutors say that they are speeding the prosecution of repeat offenders instead of returning them to the streets pending trial. They say also that neighborhood groups have organized to reduce crime and that people in minority neighborhoods are less reluctant to report a neighbor accused of a crime.

In Kansas City, Mo., a three-day campaign telethon conducted by black radio stations

urged listeners to report crimes in their neighborhoods. After a rash of violent robberies in Dallas, merchants raised a fund to pay informers.

#### Return to Privatism

Thomas Carell, criminologist at the University of Missouri, said that the past much crime was connected to social protests and that the mood of national introspection had reached the stumps. Now, he said, "there is a tempo of privatism."

Some authorities suggest that the decline in crime may be proportional to the outward migration of poor minority members. Mr. Wolfgang said that concentrated poverty populations were prone to perpetuate a value system that used physical force as a means of resolving personal problems, and that his studies showed that crime might be reduced by "breaking up the residential propinquity of those people containing the same sort of values."

## Other Age Groups Improve

### U.S. 17-Year-Olds Found Less Proficient in Science

By Gene I. Macroff

WASHINGTON, June 27 (NYT) — The scientific knowledge and abilities of the nation's 17-year-olds has steadily deteriorated, according to the National Assessment of Education Progress, which has also found that 9-year-olds and 13-year-olds showed less decline and even some improvement.

A report released here yesterday by the National Assessment, the federal government's project for monitoring achievement in schools, showed that the science scores of 17-year-olds had dropped by 4.7 percent since 1969.

The weakest performances by all three age groups tested were in the physical sciences, where scores across-the-board were lower during the 1976-1977 school year than in either of the two earlier examination periods, 1969-1970 and 1972-1973.

#### Broad Concepts

"The science curriculum of today, which emphasizes broad concepts and investigative skills, is quite different from the fact-oriented exercises which constituted a major portion of the [examination]," the National Science Teachers Association said in a statement released in response to the report.

#### Panel of Experts

Dr. Livermore was one of a panel of experts whose opinions on the survey findings are included in the report. "Three-National Assessments of Science: Changes in Achievement, 1969-77."

Efforts to explain the score decline focused on two developments.

### Carter Adviser To Head Science Mission to China

WASHINGTON, June 27 (UPI)

Frank Press, President Carter's science adviser, will lead a 14-member delegation of scientists on a four-day trip to China beginning July 6, the White House announced today.

The mission was discussed with the Chinese during the visit to Peking last month by Zbigniew Brzezinski, the national security adviser, the White House said.

It is in keeping with the Shanghai Communique of February 1972 in which the United States and China agreed "to broaden the understanding between the two peoples . . . in such fields as science and technology," the administration said.

The mission, undertaken at Mr. Carter's request, follows a White House decision to send computer technology to China.



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Frances Yates (front) of Seattle and Teresa Olsen of Pensacola, Fla., embrace at Merchant Marine graduation.

### 8 Women Are First to Graduate From a U.S. Service Academy

KINGS POINT, N.Y., June 27 (NYT) — Eight women yesterday became the first to receive diplomas from one of the United States service academies. They were among 245 graduating midshipmen at the Merchant Marine Academy.

The women, along with their midshipmen, received commissions in either the Navy or Coast Guard Reserve. A woman has yet to receive a regular military commission through a service academy because the military academies admitted women later than the Merchant Marine Academy did. Merchant Marine graduates receive reserve commissions; graduates of the Military Academy, the Naval Academy and the Air Force Academy receive active commissions.

Ivy Barton, 24, the first woman to graduate from the 35-year-old academy, received a smattering of applause from the audience and midshipmen as she approached the podium for her degree, which was won with highest honors. But there was little reaction when the names of the other women were called.

After the ceremony, 3d Mate Barton, who also has a degree from the University of Delaware and will go on to Harvard Business School, said that she was relieved to be out of the limelight.

"Being among the first women here was difficult at first," she said. "But I think a degree from here is more important than from a regular college. Where else could I have had the opportunity to sail for a year and to go around the world twice?"

### Supreme Court Upholds Limit on A-Plant Liability

WASHINGTON, June 27 (NYT)

— The Supreme Court ruled yesterday that Congress had not violated the constitutional rights of potential victims when it voted 21 years ago to limit the damages a private nuclear power company would have to pay in the event of a nuclear accident at one of its plants.

The decision reversed a federal court finding that the Price-Anderson Act, the law that limits liability for any single nuclear accident to \$560 million, was unconstitutional.

Both the U.S. government and the nuclear power industry had viewed the lower court decision as a serious setback, since the power companies had maintained for decades that they could not afford to continue in business without a limit on the potentially vast legal liability for a nuclear catastrophe.

Associate Justices Potter Stewart, William Rehnquist and John Stevens would have reversed the lower court decision on the ground that the case did not fall within the jurisdiction of the federal courts or that the plaintiffs, an environmental group and about 40 persons living near two proposed nuclear plants, did not have standing to bring the action in the first place.

The main opinion, written by Chief Justice Warren Burger, concluded that the plaintiffs did have standing and went on to reject their constitutional claims.

The plaintiffs had challenged a 1973 order of the Atomic Energy Commission — now the Nuclear Regulatory Commission — granting the Duke Power Co. permission to build two nuclear power plants near Charlotte, N.C.

Unanimous Decision

The government had warned the Supreme Court in one of its briefs that "unless reversed, the decision . . . could stand as a major impediment to further private development of nuclear energy in this nation."

### But Says Right Is No Greater Than for Public

## Supreme Court Upholds Press Access to Information

By Morton Mintz

WASHINGTON, June 27 (WP)

— A divided Supreme Court ruled yesterday that the right of access to information the government makes available is no greater for the press than for the public at large, but the court held that equality of access must be flexible enough to accommodate the practical needs of electronic as well as print journalists.

The ruling extends 1974 decisions that the press and public are entitled to the same access to prisoners.

Acting in a California case involving a public television station and a troubled jail, a plurality of four of the nine justices held that the First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees neither the press nor the public a right of access to information generated or controlled by the government.

Three of the four justices held that San Francisco Bay area station KQED had no constitutional right of access to the Alameda County Jail in Santa Rita beyond the right Sheriff Thomas Houchins granted to ordinary citizens in monthly guided tours. The tour excluded portions of the jail known as "Little Greystone," the scene of alleged rapes, beatings and adverse conditions.

#### Issue Defined

"The right to receive ideas and information is not the issue," wrote Chief Justice Warren Burger, joined by Justices Byron White and William Rehnquist. "The issue is a claimed special privilege of access which . . . is not essential to guarantee the freedom to communicate or publish," Justice Burger said.

He said that jail and prison conditions are matters of great public importance, that the press unquestionably has an important role as the "eyes and ears" of the public, and that there is "an undoubted right" to gather news from any source by legal means. But that "affords no basis for the claim that the First Amendment compels others — private persons or governments — to supply information," he said.

In contrast, three other justices said that the acquisition of information by the public about the operation of public institutions such as prisons must be protected.

Justice John Paul Stevens wrote that "information-gathering is entitled to some measure of constitutional protection," not for "the private benefit of those who might qualify as representatives of the press" but to insure that the citizens are fully informed regarding matters of public interest and importance."

#### Swing Vote

Justice Potter Stewart held the swing vote because Justices Harry Blackmun and Thurgood Marshall did not participate.

Justice Stewart, who wrote the 1974 decisions, said the Constitution provides equal access to government once it "has opened its doors," but he denied that equal means identical.

Pointing out that a journalist

#### Chief of Intelligence Said Held in Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO, June 27 (UPI)

— The chief of the Uruguayan intelligence service, Gen. Amancio Pratini, has been placed under house arrest, military sources said last night. No reason was given and the sources would only say that it was "a strictly internal affair."

An official statement said that the armed forces "reaffirm their invariable purpose to reach their established goals in order to achieve the moral and material recovery of the nation." The communiqué appeared to be a statement of unity among the armed forces in the face of dissent from Gen. Pratini.

The black daily newspaper said that those killed were the Rev. Ephraim Chiduku, a member of the central committee responsible for cultural and social development; Austin Madondo; Mrs. Nyengera Muranya; and a boy, Isaac.

### Aides of Muzorewa Are Reported Killed

SALISBURY, Rhodesia, June 27 (AP)

— Members of Bishop Abel Muzorewa's United African National Council, including a top party official, have been killed about 40 kilometers south of Fort Victoria, the Zimbabwe Times reported today.

The black daily newspaper said that those killed were the Rev. Ephraim Chiduku, a member of the central committee responsible for cultural and social development; Austin Madondo; Mrs. Nyengera Muranya; and a boy, Isaac.

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## Von Hirsch Sale Rolls On With Total Surpassing \$32.5 Million

By Sourou Melikian

LONDON, June 27 (IHT) — The collection of 19th and 20th-century art, which was auctioned at Sotheby's yesterday in the fifth session of the Robert von Hirsch sales was not the most impressive part in terms of art-market value. The proceeds amounted to £3,716,500, bringing the grand total to £17,607,704 (\$32,527,592). But it is this sale which gives the collection as a whole its main art-historical significance.

The point has been missed in the barrage of publicity given to the sale: Mr. von Hirsch was the last European who, while amassing a handful of major old master paintings and drawings, top medieval enamels and some marvelous Renaissance bronzes, also collected the great masters of his day.

After him a barrier separated those who gathered the best in either the past or the present. It is not so much the possession of the stunning medieval enamels that makes him stand out in the history of collecting — he happened to be there at the right moment — as it is this equal ability to scan the remote past and take a passionate interest in the present.

His selection will certainly be remembered as the symbol of the

taste of a European elite in the first half of this century.

He did not buy the finest works but he had remarkable intuition. Mr. von Hirsch's first buy, a portrait by Toulouse-Lautrec, "La Rousse au Caraco Blanc," was also his best. He acquired it in Paris in 1907. It is one of the artist's most moving studies, without any of the stridency that he sometimes had. A young girl's head and shoulders is seen three quarters, her head leaning forward with her ginger hair falling over her eyes. She is set against a dark bluish-green landscape broadly indicated in a few strokes. This is the end-line of four centuries of European portrait painting, its composition ultimately harking back to Italian Renaissance conventions — which must have appealed to Mr. von Hirsch. It is also a great selling for £253,000.

**Same Year**

In the same year Mr. von Hirsch made his second buy, "Scene de Rue" by the then unknown Pablo Picasso, from the main modern art gallery in Frankfurt, the Galerie Schames. It is a work of the fauve period, painted about 1901. A man stands in the street, while much smaller figures loom indistinctly in the background. Here again, the in-

tensely dramatic feel and the carefully constructed composition tie in with the earlier European tradition despite the modernity. Yesterday, it brought £137,500. Forty years later, Mr. von Hirsch was perceptive enough to buy a Matisse sold yesterday for a record £341,000.

Mr. von Hirsch's tastes as a collector of objets d'art also were expressed in his preference for unusual, sometimes quirky, paintings.

He bought a Paul Cezanne still life of a grinning skull on a table with a jug nearby, an obvious reminiscence of Renaissance "vanitas" pictures. Painted in yellows and browns about 1864-1865 before impressionism came into existence, it is a Cezanne done before the true Cezanne emerged. At £159,000, it was very well sold indeed. In the same way, Mr. von Hirsch bought a portrait by Cezanne that looks like a Manet and is equally uncharacteristic. It made £165,000. Pursuing his quest of works by future impressionists, he bought a Renoir Paris scene, "Les Patineurs à Longchamp," dated 1868, badly painted, confused and blurred, which sold for £176,000, a big price for a daub.

In the same line, a scene by Camille Pissarro in the background of which there appears to be a landscape by Pissarro himself was highly rated by the latter. Atypical, but historically important — it is close to Cezanne's own self-portrait and underscores the two painters' links — it sold for £330,000.

This natural inclination for freakish paintings was stimulated by Mr. von Hirsch's perpetual anxiety to get things cheaply. A dealer who knew him well says that given the choice between a good picture and a marvelous picture by a given painter, he would settle for the former. This is why his collection of modern paintings was the whole poor despite his flair. He fell for a fake, marked G. Courbet — the kind of unconvincing work that will make an avuncular collector hope against hope. Only the glamorizing context of a super sale can explain the phenomenal £18,700 it brought last night. The same comment applies to not a few daubs in the collection — the worst Renoir I remember, a tiny sketch of flowers and the portrait of a girl.

academic painter Carles Duran if it were not so infinitely superior in its brushwork — although hardly worth the £19,000 it fetched. And he must have taken an impish pleasure in a portrait of a woman seated sideways by the now forgotten English painter Charles Conder. It is dated 1892 and clearly signed, but it looks so much like a Toulouse-Lautrec — whose close friend Conder was — that it was included in the first catalogue raisonne of Toulouse-Lautrec's work by Maurice Joyant. The mistake has been piously perpetuated.

### Portrait of Cezanne

Paradoxical pictures aside, Mr. von Hirsch's collector's instinct made him go after the rarity. A portrait of Georges Seurat by Camille Pissarro in the background of which there appears to be a landscape by Pissarro himself was highly rated by the latter. Atypical, but historically important — it is close to Cezanne's own self-portrait and underscores the two painters' links — it sold for £330,000.

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### Nicaraguan Military Captures 8 Guerrillas

MANAGUA, June 27 (UPI) — National Guardsmen raided a Sandinista Liberation Front training camp outside the town of Masaya and captured eight guerrillas without firing a shot, army authorities said today.

The guerrilla group, which has battled the regime of President Anastasio Somoza since its founding in 1962, sporadically raids National Guard outposts and banks throughout Nicaragua.

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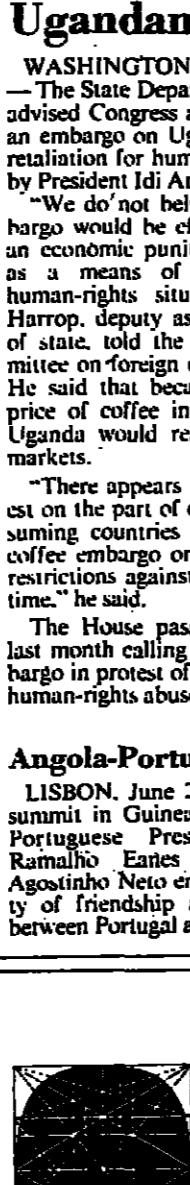
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## A Tricky Diplomatic Step

It has often been said — and depicted on the stage and in the cinema — that the Congress of Vienna, which closed out the Napoleonic wars, was fond of waltzing. Now, in Moscow and Washington, diplomacy has become more of a minuet — carefully measured steps toward agreement: equally close-counted treads away. When Mr. Brezhnev, for example, warns against "playing the Chinese card," he also urges both sides to get down to business on negotiations. And Mr. Carter, speaking of Soviet-U.S. competition as an established fact, says the long-term relationship between the two powers is "stable."

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All of this could be assuring, and offer some hopes of concrete progress, no matter how confusing the steps and countersteps of this diplomatic minuet might seem to be. But it is the concrete that offers the greatest resistance to hopeful thoughts. If the powers could make some real advances with respect to strategic arms limitations, control over military strength in Europe, or some approach to a common policy with respect to Africa, the word dance might have some justification. But not only is there no discernible forward movement in these areas, is another part of the concrete world there has been a setback.

When two Soviet citizens were arrested in the United States on espionage charges, a U.S. businessman was arrested in Moscow for allegedly violating currency laws. All three were at first held in prison, then they

were to be released to the custody of their embassies. This seemed to be an adaptation of the minuet technique to judicial actions, and there was a feeling that, whatever the effect upon abstract justice, Moscow and Washington were in fact exchanging compromises. But then the Soviet Union summoned two U.S. newspapermen to court to answer questions on an unpublicized case.

As the Kremlin is well aware, this touches a sensitive spot in the U.S. consciousness.

The United States is having its own difficulties over the exact implications of the First Amendment's guarantee of a free press. But such matters as deciding whether the courts and police have the right to issue writs to enable searches of newsrooms are farther removed from the Soviet approach to its own press and to those of other countries than Moscow is, geographically, from Washington.

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In sum, these summons loom as ominously on the international horizon as any of the other backward steps that have marked the diplomatic minuet of recent months. They may be part of the same teasing process, they may have been provoked by the espionage arrests in the United States — but they do have an added sting, one of the kind that added so much to the bitterness of the cold war before the thaw set in. It is too much to expect the two powers to join for the waltzes of the Congress, yet, but at least the minuet should not separate the dancers by quite so much open floor as now seems to be exposed.

## Mideast Talks Derailed

President Carter got in an unnecessary dig at the Israelis on Monday. From criticizing (reasonably, in our view) Israel's cramped statement on its West Bank intentions, he swept on (unreasonably, in our view) to criticize Israel's response to the Egyptian peace plan broadcast on Cairo Radio. He protested that the Israelis had "rejected" a plan that had "not yet even been made."

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But if Israel is to be rebuked for reacting unconventionally and prematurely to a proposal not yet finally drafted and formally presented, should not Egypt be rebuked for unconventionally and prematurely floating such a proposal on Cairo Radio? Mr. Carter's competence as a mediator rests, precariously, on a common perception of his fairness. At a moment when the Israelis are feeling extraordinarily bruised, he can not afford to put them off further by ill-timed remarks suggesting that he is choosing sides.

In fact, the Egyptian plan, to judge by Cairo's sketchy accounts, is an odd creature. It calls upon Israel to yield the West Bank (to Jordan) and Gaza (to Egypt) in advance of negotiations — over security arrangements. This is absurd at face and offered reason enough for the Israelis to speak up promptly and warn Egypt to polish its terms before the opening of the new phase in Mideast diplomacy.

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At this muddy point, with both Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin in evident political distress, the prime requirement is to get negotiations back on the track. That is precisely the Mondale-Vance purpose. It helps to have an Egyptian proposal finally being prepared. It would help even more if the parties could find their way back to negotiating at a table, and not just by political speeches, radio broadcasts and cabinet statements. The Arab-Israeli dialogue was bound to be rougher than would be any conducted by parties more accustomed to talking with each other. Lately it has been getting out of hand. We cannot believe that close and quiet diplomacy would not induce positive changes in the positions of both sides.

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## The Killings in Rhodesia

Last Friday's massacre in Rhodesia of eight white missionary teachers and four of their own children was a peculiarly vicious and senseless outrage in a horrifying war. Those murdered were defenseless British citizens whose only purpose in Rhodesia was to serve the people among whom they worked. The guerrillas made clear that they were precisely the ones singled out to die; the black teachers and the all-black student body of the remote school were left unharmed, but were ordered to leave and to close the school — as if education itself were a target.

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The Rhodesian government made certain that the world's press would fully report this horror. The dozen corpses were left where they fell, the clubs and axes that killed them still bloody, until reporters and photographers arrived on special flights.

A month ago, when its own security forces opened fire on a crowd of unarmed blacks listening to guerrilla speeches at a nighttime meeting, the Rhodesian government offered no such help. There were no "photographic opportunities" or lists of victims. It remains uncertain whether the toll was 52 unfortunate caught in a crossfire, as the government contends, or 94 persons cut down with no opposing shots fired, as witnesses have

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#### Seventy-Five Years Ago

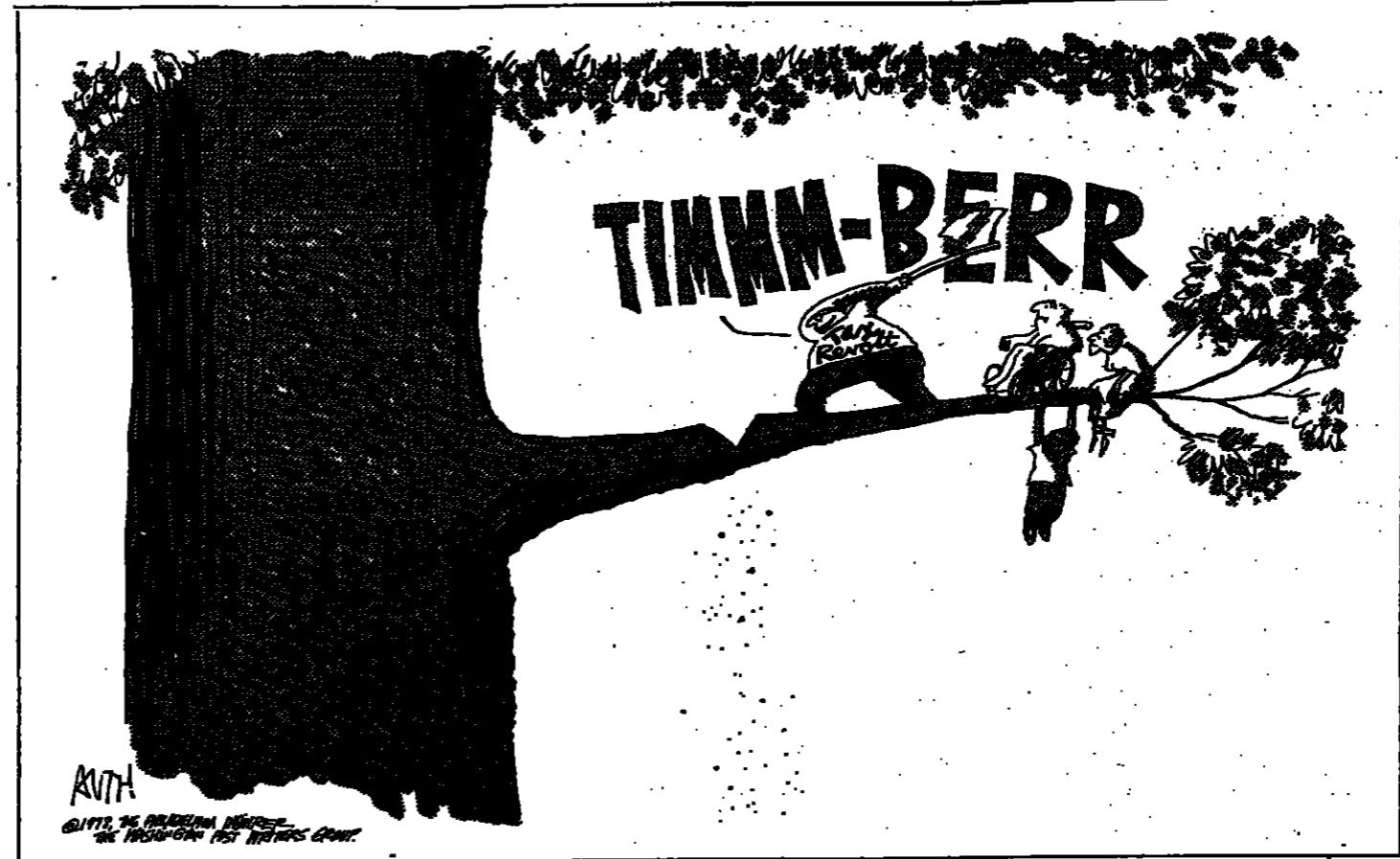
June 28, 1903

MOSCOW — A Bessarabian source here has stated that U.S. opinion cannot fairly judge recent anti-Jewish disturbances in Kishineff because similar conditions do not exist in the United States. The same source told a Herald correspondent, "I am perfectly assured that the Russian government would do all in its power to encourage the Jews to leave this country, and even pay them to go."

#### Fifty Years Ago

June 28, 1928

LONDON — Mrs. Diana Strickland, who some years ago crossed the Congo on foot, has arrived in Cairo after driving across the widest part of Africa. Her trip for Egypt started in Dakar, with the company of a mechanic, who was sent home after falling ill shortly thereafter. The Belgian who replaced him, the mechanic died of black-water fever and Mrs. Strickland finished the trip alone.



## Importance of Third World Women

By John J. Gilligan

**W**ASHINGTON — In the year that I have been administrator of the Agency for International Development, two facts have become more and more apparent to me. The first is that the economic and social development of two-thirds of humanity may well depend on women — far more than it will depend on men. And second is that the success of women in expediting the development of Third World countries will very significantly affect our own future security and well-being.

Let me supply some of the background that has led me to those conclusions:

• In the next 25 years, the world's population will increase from 4 billion to 6 billion people. Most of that increase will be in developing countries: By the year 2000, 87 percent of the world's population will be living in the less developed countries — the LDCs.

• By the year 2000 there will be a food deficit of 100 million tons in the Third World. That deficit can be made up only if the developing countries increase their agricultural production 3 to 5 times.

• Most of the people of the LDCs are unhealthy. Major components of disease are inadequate nutrition and sanitation. About 100 million children under the age of five are always hungry. Fifteen million children die each year from a combination of infection and malnutrition.

• There are 800 million literates in the world; nearly two-thirds of them are women. The number of illiterate men rose by 8 million between 1960 and 1970. The number of illiterate women increased by 40 million, bringing the total number of women unable to read or write to half a billion.

Once upon a time the people of this country might have supposed that grim as life was in the Third World, the problems were theirs, not ours. But if that belief were ever true, it is no longer. What happens in that half of the world now has impact directly on our lives and on our future.

### Record Growth

As a result of record population growth in the last two decades, people in many countries are entering the job market faster than the economy can absorb them. Unemployment in many of the LDCs runs from 25 to 45 percent. This trend is increasing, and it is estimated that by the year 2000 at least 800 million more people will lack a means of making a living.

The United States has already begun to experience the result of excessive Third World population growth and lagging economic development. Today, there are an estimated 6 million to 8 million undocumented aliens from Latin America and Mexico in the United States. Many of these immigrants have taken jobs that might be filled by Americans. Many have migrated to our cities, adding to overcrowded housing and welfare rolls. Mexico has one of the highest population growth rates in the world — 3.4 percent annually. With 46 percent of the population under 15 years of age, the potential for increased migration to the United States is enormous.

A key to the resolution of the problem of excessive Third World population growth, of course, is family planning, and the key to that is women.

Twenty-five years of accumulated knowledge and experience have told population experts two things:

First, fertility rates begin to decline when a woman is able to nourish her children properly and keep them healthy, thus ensuring that they survive to adulthood. Only then do couples in poor countries begin to understand that they dare limit the number of their children, who traditionally have been perceived as extra labor on the land and support in old age.

And second, fertility rates begin to decline when the educational level of parents rise. The educational level of the father is important. But that of the mother is more so. In almost every country, the more education women have, the fewer children they bear. For example, in a 1972 study from Jordan of women aged 30-34, illiterate women were found to have an average of 6.4 children while those with a primary school education averaged

5.9. For secondary school graduates, the average was 4.0 and for university degree holders, only 2.7 children. In Latin America, studies indicate that women who have completed primary school will average about two children fewer than those who have not.

### Clear Message

The message is clear: If population growth rates are to be reduced, then the education of the women is developing countries is an urgent imperative.

Third World food production is also directly related to United States prosperity and security — and to the role of women.

We must face the prospect that by 1985 — seven years from now — there will be a global food deficit of 100 million tons in developing countries, directly attributable to population growth outstripping agricultural production. It is most unlikely that the food-producing countries of the West will be able to make up this deficit. Even if they tried, the cost of achieving that additional production would be so high that food prices would rise astronomically everywhere.

The only possible solution to this problem is for the less developed countries to increase their own agricultural production, to 3 to 5 times their present levels. The people who will have to do this job are the millions of subsistence farmers who scratch out precarious livings on small plots of arid and barren land.

It so happens that those farmers are mostly women. Forty to 70 percent of Third World agricultural labor is female. Depending on the traditions and customs of a particular country, they plant the seed, haul the water, till the soil, harvest the crops, market the produce, tend the animals and strive to keep their families alive by growing the village vegetable gardens.

Today more and more women are being forced into those roles. The lure of the city and cash-producing work is drawing the men away from the farms, leaving the women behind. It is estimated that some 30 percent of rural families in the Third World are now headed by women. . . . If those women — in their interests and ours — are significant to increase food production, they must learn the use of new

fertilizers, irrigation systems and power machinery. They must have roads to get their produce to market, and they must have transportation on those roads. They must have provision for food processing and storage and understand how to use it, and they must have simple economic structures to provide them with credit.

### Handicapped

Women have been handicapped in their efforts to get more from the land they work on their generally "inferior" social position. They have often been barred from owning or inheriting land, obtaining credit or receiving agricultural inputs from development programs. Even when they have been left behind on the family plot as their men have migrated, they have found their situation difficult because control over economic resources and land was left in the hands of male relatives who have not migrated.

In nearly all developing countries, agricultural training — such as it has been — has been given only to male farmers. Wives, daughters and hired female laborers have been largely ignored. Until very recently, women frequently have not benefited from projects designed to assist farmers because Western development experts simply assumed that farmers were male.

The conclusion is only too clear: If agricultural production and productivity are to increase, development planning in the Third World must give an equal place to women.

### Awareness

In recent years there has been a growing awareness of a fact that women everywhere have always known: That women play the major role in determining the health of their families by acquiring and preparing food for them.

In some cases, because of the depths of their poverty, there is little they can do to improve their nutrition. But in many cases, malnutrition is the result of ignorance. Without any changes in food supplies, miracles can be wrought with simple changes of diet and food habits. If women only had the knowledge to make these changes,

## Letters

### A-Plant Woes

As a one-time member of the Federal Power Commission during the Kennedy administration I offer my heartfelt thanks for your Page 1 publication of Jonathan Kandell's article "Nuclear Power Plants, Like Plastic Bottles, Are Not Disposable" (IHT, June 19). That article, based on the experience of the distinguished French nuclear construction engineer Andre Cregut, lucidly sets forth the unsolved problems of dismantling or otherwise disposing of worn-out plants which, although unusable, will continue to be lethally radioactive for periods far longer than presently recorded human history. The moral necessity of learning to dispose of these monuments in our own time rather than bequeathing them to future generations is also touched on.

Almost any non-nuclear structure can be dismantled by relatively unskilled labor at a small fraction of its original cost. I was once involved in the dismantling of a large and complex surplus U.S. shipyards at a total cost to the government of only \$1 because of the value of salvage to the contractor, and there have been similar examples in the electric utility field. But when a large portion of the structure is too hot to approach, let alone to touch, when dust from demolition or rainfall over it present a spreading, deadly hazard, when thousands of tons of radioactive metal and masonry somehow have to be cut up into chunks of practical size for handling and then sealed away safely for many centuries, and when even the most skilled and experienced engineers don't know how to begin, then it becomes obvious that the burial costs of a dead power plant can equal or exceed the largely alarming cost of its construction.

It was once my hope that this sort of insanity could be confined to the Pentagon and its busy superpliers, but that was long ago. Somebody had better start thinking about how all this is to be paid for, who is to pay — and why.

HOWARD MORGAN, Duxbury, N.Y.

Neo-Nazis

Portions of your editorial (IHT, June 12) entitled "Free Speech: Two Celebrations" cannot go unanswered.

I agree that the Nazis have the

right to march in Skokie and are protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. But to compare the Nazi group with the civil rights marchers in the early 60s in Selma, Ala., does a terrible disservice to not only those brave supporters of integration and equality, but also to the residents of Skokie. How can your editors possibly believe that the "citizens" of Skokie can be in any way compared with the white residents of Selma?

What injustice did these citizens perpetrate against the Nazis in order to qualify for a march by the Nazis in the middle of their community? Why indeed did the Nazis choose Skokie in the first place?

They choose Skokie precisely to continue their nefarious deeds of the past by presenting themselves as grisly reminders that the "final solution to the Jewish Question" hasn't yet been reached.

So please, don't call this a "celebration." It can only be termed "proof" that democracy manifests itself in strange ways.

MRS. JERRY GOODMAN, Jerusalem.

## Tax Revolt: Gov. Brown Cashes In

By David S. Broder

SAN FRANCISCO — An thoughtful politician named Jerry Brown would be thrown for a loop by Proposition 13 disappeared last Friday night.

At the start of a new era in the history of his state, the 40-year-old governor addressed his constituents on all three television networks, describing the measure he would sign the next morning to provide emergency financing for local services cut back by the Jarvis-Gann property tax initiative.

Those around his office in Sacramento reported Brown was nervous and fretful before going on the air. It was the first formal speech from his office in his almost four years as governor and by far the most important public test of leadership. He need not have worried. The nervousness did not show, he moved smoothly from desk to charts and back again, outlining in clear terms the plans for moving into the new era of scaled-back government ordered by the voters three weeks ago.

The governor had fought against the property-tax initiative. But Friday he emerged as a man confident that he could exploit what he called "an opportunity to make government in California a model for people all across the country."

Everly Younger, the state attorney general and Brown's Republican challenger in November, said, not without a tinge of envy, "He sounds like he was the author of the initiative."

Brown did not exactly make that claim, but he did identify himself as the sparkplug in an "extraordinary effort" by a bipartisan group of legislators to come up quickly with \$5 billion of grants and loans from the inflation-swollen state surplus to avert the huge layoffs and cutbacks in local government that had been forecast before Proposition 13 was passed.

Cutbacks

Brown said — and Assembly Minority Leader Paul Priolo, his chief critic, agreed — that the package would protect essential police and fire services, and what Brown called "basic classroom instruction and basic skills." Further, said the governor, with the state taking over the counties' shares of welfare and Medicaid payments, "I'm going to make sure those who are most in need are most protected."

There will, of course, be cutbacks, but Brown solemnly assured the voters that he won't be the one to blame for them. "City halls, school boards, county boards, are cutting back," he said. "It's the ones that have to make those critical choices."

Further shifting responsibility, he noted that California business will receive a \$2 billion tax windfall. Pointedly citing his Republican predecessor, Ronald Reagan, Brown declared that business has "a moral obligation to keep that money in California and reinvest it for more jobs." Translation: If unemployment goes up, don't blame business.

Finally, he said, the landlords have an "obligation" of their own to pass on their property-tax reductions to tenants in the form of rent reductions. "I ask them tonight to lower rents as soon as possible," Brown said.

There was more — including an artfully constructed big-name commission to study long-term questions of government structure, tax policy and spending controls; and a constitutional amendment to limit future growth of state budgets and surpluses.

But the main point is that Brown has now identified himself strongly with a successful effort to avert the first-year fiscal crisis many opponents of Proposition 13, including himself, had prophesied.

Two, three or four years down the road, and particularly

## Theater

**'Britannicus' Lives At Grand Trianon**

By Thomas Quinn Curtis

PARIS, June 27 (IHT) — The 15th Festival of Versailles, bracing the uncertain weather, is presenting in the gardens of the Grand Trianon an imposing staging of Racine's "Britannicus." In case of rain, the event takes place under cover in the Orangerie.

The Grand Trianon gallery, with its classical pink columns and wide vista of a lingering sunset as the opening background for the play, is an ideal setting for this majestic tragedy of expanding shadow. As the natural light diminishes from the sides, flaming torches carried by the palace attendants lead the way to the darkening denouement of Nero's rise to power.

A celebrated confectioner of the modern well-made play-once said that even were the magnificent poetry of the author removed, this tragedy would still stand as a mighty feat of dramatic architecture. True perhaps, but it is the art with which verse and action are so perfectly blended that lends it greatness.

"Britannicus" was only a partial success at its premiere at the Hotel de Bourgogne on the afternoon of Dec. 13, 1669. On that same afternoon the Huguenot Marquis de Courboyer was being publicly executed on the Place de Greve for having slandered another noble and that counter attraction thinned the house. A cabal of hostile dramatists was dispersed through the theater. The aged Corneille, sitting alone in a box, doubtless made audible his disapproval.

## Critisms Vanished

Some of the criticisms expressed were answered by the author in the first preface to the published text. Seven years later Racine could write: "The criticisms have van-

## U.S. Searches for Art

WASHINGTON, June 27 (UPI) — The National Collection of Fine Arts is trying to locate 257 pieces of art that have been lent to past and present government officials but are currently unaccounted for. The pieces are among 1,930 works of art owned by the public that have been lent to the White House and several government agencies since 1929.

Versailles' Grand Trianon is site for open-air staging of Racine's "Britannicus."



ished. The play remains. Today, of all my tragedies, it is this which the court and the public are most willing to see revived."

For historical facts he relied on Tacitus and probably on his reading of the Latin play, "Octavia," in which Nero's tutor, Seneca, relates the fate of his pupil's first wife. The rest is from his own rich imagination: the psychological probing of the mother-son relationship, Freudian in its implications, the portraiture in depth of the dramatis personae and the compression and intensification of the events from which the gripping drama springs.

Though "Britannicus" is the title role and though the intrigue revolves around his assassination, he is actually a subordinate character, the victim, symbolic of a multitude of victims of Nero's whims. The central conflicts lie elsewhere. They arise from the young emperor's power struggle with his Amazon-like mother and from his troubling conscience, which makes him hesitate on the verge of his crime. Lured into murder by the insidious sycophant Narcissus, his personal alter ego and he becomes the infamous tyrant of history.

"It is satisfying to think that the foremost writer in the literature of France is not a moralist or a schoolman or a general or even a king, but a man of letters," wrote Giraudoux, who might have added, "a man of the theater."

## Appropriate Site

It is instructive as well as picturesque to contemplate Racine's beautifully perfected art in the surroundings of its early triumph — at

the court of Louis XIV. What site is more appropriate for this revival than the gardens of the Grand Trianon?

An excellent company meets the challenge of the performance in these august circumstances and the drama is forcefully acted in its al fresco presentation, dangling microphones carrying its eloquence on the evening breezes.

Patrice Kerbat of the Comedie-Francaise is Nero, vain, reckless and yet weak-willed, still easily swayed before the throw of dice that decides his destiny. Annie Ducaux conveys the grief of Agrippina as she foresees the loss of power and what this will entail, but her sorrow is expressed revealingly as a form of indignant rage. She plays the part commanding with no attempt to get sympathy for the ruthless, fatalistic Roman matron, a reminder that the mother of the monster is a monster, too. Jacques Dumestrel wins applause for his grandly rendered Burrhus and Nicolas Pignon slithers as the repulsive Narcissus. Jean-Claude Regnier is the betrayed Britannicus, no match for his cruel, cunning master, and Paul Courcelle makes an appealing, tearful Junie.

The direction of Marcelle Tas-sencourt and Thierry Maulnier is commendable in its exposition of each scene. It embroiders the general picture for pictorial ends by enlarging the cast with reveling courtesans. These extras appear and disappear like the fairy train in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" or the chorus of a musical comedy. They benefit the proceedings as spectacle but are dramatically superfluous.

The great scenes — the confrontations and the tirades — are cleared of this traffic.

This open-air performance of "Britannicus" is an impressive produc-

## Animal World on Film

By Joan Z. Shore

BRUSSELS, June 27 (IHT) — French "Animal Life" (called "Des Animaux pas si Bêtes" — a dreadful pun) is a fascinating film compendium of zoological facts.

In a broad, almost hit-or-miss way, it presents examples of animal instinct and intelligence, but like any compendium, there's no real point of departure, no fixed point of view, and no neat conclusion. At least as many questions are raised as are answered. This will annoy some viewers but it won't bother anyone who enjoys a gentle bombardment of ideas.

The idea that opens the film is life itself — symbolized by a thumping embryonic mass — and the chancy odds for survival. Newly hatched turtles scamper across a beach as hungry seagulls swoop down and snatch them up. In another part of the world, a pack of leopards launches an attack. And somewhere else, a tribe of baboons defends itself with uncanny military organization. Instinct or intelligence?

There are amazing views of monkeys parenting, and baby gulls responding to their own mother's voice. We are told (and shown) that seals are promiscuous, that ba-

boons have harems, that termites are extraordinary architects. Some of the information is not new, but it is illustrated with eye-catching images: salmon jumping the rapids to reach the place where they'll mate and die; bees doing a directional dance to show others where they've found flowers; spiders weaving webs and leaping on their prey; and ants sweeping through a jungle, devouring everything in their path, forming bridges with their own bodies. Again — instinct or intelligence?

The film shows animals in laboratory situations, being conditioned and taught. Elephants learn color and form; chimps learn a sign language of 150 words and converse with their trainers; dolphins learn underwater warfare (a human aberra-

tion). The text, spoken in French by Peter Ustinov, is never sentimentally cloying or scientifically abstract. It presents its data, culled from dozens of universities and scientific institutions, with dignity. It shows, in its own words, "what it means not to be human."

(A Swiss production, "Animal Life" is being shown in Brussels at the Twins Theater.)

## Opera in Paris

**White Light of Analysis Is Turned on 'Butterfly'**

By David Stevens

PARIS, June 27 (IHT) — Jorge Lavelli and Max Bignens have turned their white light of psycho-social analysis on "Madama Butterfly" at the Paris Opera, with careful stagecraft and often much beauty, but brushing aside Puccini in the process.

Bignens' unit set achieves an Oriental effect by making the entire stage a kind of black-lacquered box in the center of which is a huge white silo-like structure. Its parchment-like outer shell bears a floor plan of the villa that Pinkerton has just taken a lease on for himself and Butterfly. It rises to reveal a gauze inner shell, opaque or transparent according to lighting, that encloses an upper room of this house, outfitted only with a folding mirror-screen and a small table.

This inner shell also rises, giving access to the house from the outside, but beginning with the second act, after she has been abandoned

by Pinkerton, it remains down — a symbol of Butterfly's total rejection of the reality of her situation. In the second act Sharpless, Goro and Yamadori can climb up to what seems to be this mountain retreat, but none can penetrate this shell. The singers stay outside and sing while Butterfly deals with puppets on the inside, understanding only what she wants to.

There are some splendid effects in Lavelli's staging, which was seen earlier this year at La Scala and was borrowed by Paris as a replacement for the abandoned "Queen of Spades."

The passage of time and the yearning anticipation of Butterfly for Pinkerton's return is magically conveyed at the end of the second act as first a child then Suzuki fall asleep, leaving Butterfly alone gazing at the lights of Nagasaki Harbor. The suicide at the end of the opera is strikingly handled, too, as Butterfly rolls herself up in a red shroud held by her folded hands before falling dead for Pinkerton's arrival.

There is no quarrel with Lavelli's reading of this as a heartless, emotionally desolate story, nor with his view that Butterfly remains the one three-dimensional character in the opera.

The trouble is that Puccini did not set it in this unspiring white light, but in his own richly colored way. The brutal heart of the opera is half-hidden behind a musical curtain of operetta-like folkloric effects, and while the book says that Cio Cio San is 15 years old, Puccini outfitst her with adult passions, very Latin ones at that.

There were advantages and disadvantages for the singers. The circular structure occupied most of the stage's real estate, sometimes forcing the singers to sing from acoustically dead positions.

At other times, however, they could stand right down at the apron and sing without much being demanded in the way of acting. There seemed to be sight-line disadvantages for spectators in the upper levels, too, and some of them protested noisily at the first night Friday.

Teresa Zyls-Garcia got off to a start as shaky as the stretcher on which she was carried in for her entrance, then settled down to a well-sung and deeply felt, but hardly Italianate performance. Franco Tagliavini, a splendidly Italianate tenor as Pinkerton, was a suitably

cardboard figure for the occasion — although the sailor suit Bignens devised for him had more to do with a playboy's yacht than the U.S. Navy. Tom Krause was a resonant, sternly disapproving Consul Sharpless; Jocelyne Faillon a moving Suzuki; Dimitri Peikov was underemployed as the Bonze (he undoubtedly was scheduled for some-

thing weightier in the canceled Tchaikovsky opera), and Michel Senechal an unctuous Goro.

Georges Prete conducted with such vehement passion that he seemed to be trying to cancel out the coolness of the staging, but after a rough first act he settled down to a smooth, idiomatic performance.

## Venice

**Singers Have Problems In a Donizetti Revival**

by William Weaver

VEVENE, June 27 (IHT) — Just about three years ago, during a conference devoted to Donizetti, the composer's native city of Bergamo sponsored a concert performance of his opera "Les Martyrs," first given in 1840.

Originally, the work was written in Italian, for Naples, but the Bourbons censors there forbade production of such a religious story (it was based on Corneille's tragedy of "Christian, or the Martyrdom of Polyeucte"). Donizetti revised his opera considerably, and in the French capital it had a success. But subsequently, it vanished from the repertory, along with so many other of his operas. In its original Italian form, "Poliuto," it was revived at La Scala for Maria Callas, and applauded. But it has still remained unfamiliar to the general opera-loving public.

Last week it was given here at

the Teatro La Fenice in a fully staged revival; and the immense beauty and nobility of the music were again evident. But — it must be said at once — Donizetti on this occasion had some strong obstacles to overcome. The first was casting. The role of Pauline, wife of Polyeucte, converted to Christianity under the threat of his martyrdom, is long and taxing. Leyla Gencer, who sang it in Bergamo, is quite simply no longer capable of negotiating its hurdles. Her voice, after long use, is in shreds, much of the time she sang in a low and undistinguished murmur. Her loud notes were horrid: wide of the mark, squally, painful. In her preoccupation with making some kind of ac-

ceptable sound, she was unable to think about creating a dramatically convincing character, so her acting was routine, a succession of familiar, generic gestures and postures.

## Stern Father

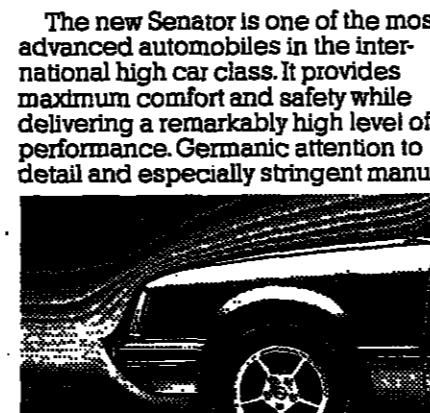
The inadequacy of the prima donna understandably created some uneasiness among the other singers. Even the seasoned baritone Renato Bruson, an admirable Donizettian under normal circumstances, was in less than good form: he managed to sing almost a whole aria off pitch.

The tenor, Ottavio Garaventa, also ill at ease, gave a credible account of the hero's role. As the stern pagan father, a young basso named Ferruccio Furlanetto displayed an interesting voice and a promising stage figure, though yet he has no idea of style.

This description of the voices may sound dismaying, but the Venice revival of "Les Martyrs" was had some positive aspects and was not unenjoyable. The Venice orchestra is still suffering from the recent upheavals which have shaken the Italian opera world, and Venice in particular, but Giampiero Gelmetti conducted it with intelligence and vigor. Pierluigi Pizzi designed simple, austere, appropriate sets and colorful costumes, and the director, Alberto Fassini, moved crowds and principals with sober dignity.

The fact is that "Les Martyrs" is a splendid work, rich and elegant. This production — with better singers — deserves another view.

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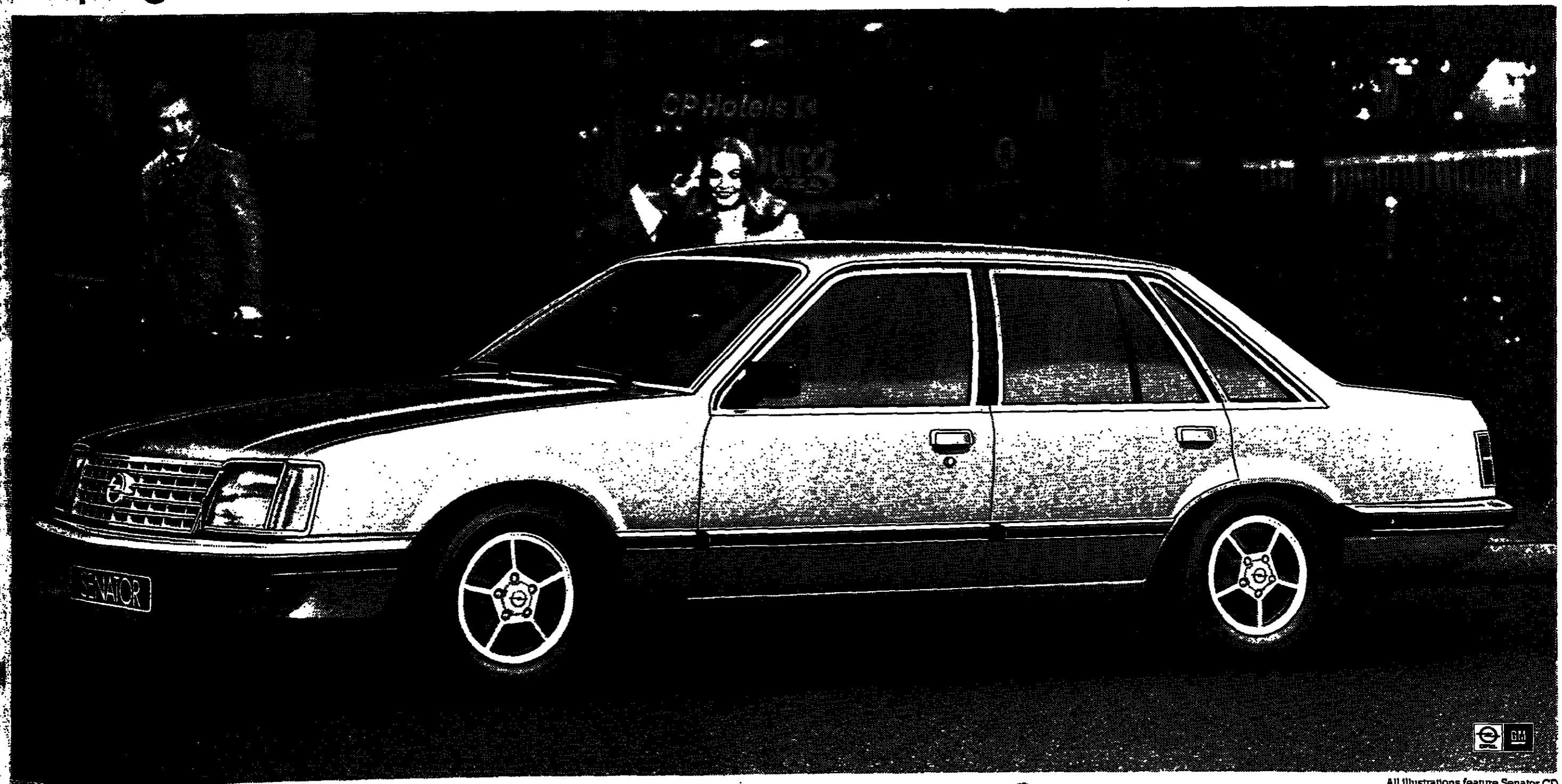
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## Renault Net Plunges by 98% in '77

### BAT Profits Decline 4.7% in First Half

PARIS, June 27 (IHT) — Renault's 1977 net profit plunged 98 percent to 12.1 million francs (about \$2.7 million) from 610.7 million francs the previous year, the state-owned automaker said today.

The group attributed the sharp reduction to the company's agreement with the government to hold retail price increases to 5.5 percent, chairman Bernard Vernier-Paliez said in a statement. For comparison, wages costs rose 13.1 percent and raw material costs increased 14.4 percent during the year, he said.

Consolidated sales rose 10.3 percent to 49.23 billion francs from 44.64 billion. Parent-company sales rose 11 percent to 28.7 billion francs from 25.78 billion francs.

The group said a drop in net cash flow to 1.405 billion francs from 1.774 billion "was essentially due to the distortion between cost prices and authorized retail prices." Operating profit fell to 399 million francs from 825 million francs.

On the domestic market, Renault said sales rose 6.2 percent to 641,081 units last year, accounting for 33.6 percent of the French market against 32.5 percent in 1976. This had risen to 34.4 percent by end-May, it added.

Exports last year totalled just over one million units, or 57.7 percent of overall production. Export sales rose 19 percent to 11,295 billion francs. Renault said it sold more cars in Western Europe than any other single manufacturer, accounting for 12.4 percent of all sales in the area.

#### BAT Net Slips

LONDON, June 27 (AP-DJ) — BAT Industries' net profit fell 4.7 percent in the half year ended March 31 to £101 million from £106 million a year earlier, the company said today.

Turnover, however, rose 11 percent to £2.29 billion from £2.97 billion and pretax profit rose 2.8 percent to £211 million from £215 million.

The concern, formerly British-American Tobacco, declared an interim dividend of 5 pence share bringing the total to 9.4 pence so far compared with 7.5 pence a year earlier.

BAT said sales of tobacco products are expected to increase in the second half, but that operating profit will be adversely affected by higher costs in Europe, product introduction costs in U.K. and lower profitability on exports.

For the year, BAT said it expects net profits for the year will probably fall "slightly short" of last year's level. Although it expects operating profits to show a rate of increase comparable with that achieved in the first half, it noted that this will be eroded by increased interest costs and higher taxes.

BAT cigarette sales volume increased more rapidly than a year ago, the company said. Although U.S. sales and profits "declined marginally," the fall was partially offset by an improvement in exports. In the retail division, better gross margins at Gimbel's and Saks department stores should lead to higher operating profit.

#### Standard Chartered

Standard Chartered Bank Ltd.'s post-tax profit rose 15 percent in the year ended March 31 to £262.83 million from £245.57 million the previous year, the bank said today.

The bank, which recently reached agreement with Union Bancaire to acquire the 25th largest U.S. banking group for about \$372 million, declared a final dividend of 11.6006 pence, the maximum permitted under U.K. law.

## FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES

### BMW Turnover Up 18% in First Half

Bayerische Motoren Werke says parent company turnover will increase 18 percent in the first half to about 3 billion Deutsche marks from the year ago period while consolidated turnover is expected to rise 17.4 percent to 3.3 billion DM. Eberhard von Kuenheim, management board chairman, says first-half auto production rose 9 percent to 163,000 units while output of motorcycles at 15,400 units trailed the year-earlier volume. In related news, the company announced it is forming a joint venture with Steyr-Daimler-Puch of Austria that will require an investment of 300 million DM to develop and produce diesel motors.

### Alberta Gas Raises Stake in Husky

Alberta Gas Trunk Line has acquired additional common shares of Husky Oil on the open market, increasing its ownership to about 2.5 million shares — about 23 percent from the 4 percent held previously. Occidental Petroleum is bidding the equivalent of \$Can.54 million for control of Husky while Petro-Canada, the state-owned oil company, has offered \$Can.52. Alberta Gas declines to comment on whether it would continue purchasing Husky shares or on what its intentions are. Oil industry sources have speculated that Alberta Gas Trunk could enter the bidding war for Husky, Canada's largest producer of heavy oil. Some analysts believe Alberta Gas now holds the balance of power in the bidding war between Petro-Canada and Oxy, whose offer is conditional on its receiving Canadian government

approval and 80 percent of Husky's outstanding shares. Petro-Canada and Alberta Gas are partners in several major energy projects.

### British Shipbuilders Ltd. Sees Loss

State-owned British Shipbuilders Ltd. says it will show a "substantial loss" following its first year as a nationalized concern. Although the firm will not confirm reports of a \$45-million loss for the first nine months of its March 31 fiscal year, analysts predict a £50-to-60 million loss for the year. The group blames the loss on contracts of the former companies prior to the state's takeover and claims that orders taken by the group since then have not caused losses. More than 30 companies were nationalized to form the group. Comparable data for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1977, showed a net profit of £2.9 million.

### Bayer Holds Sales Forecast

Bayer is holding to its forecast of a 2-to-3 percent rise in turnover this year despite a weak first quarter. Management board chairman Herbert Gruenewald says that this implies a sales growth of 5-to-6 percent in the second half of the year. He expects profits to stabilize in the second half. Turnover in the United States this year is expected to match parent-company sales of 4 billion Deutsche marks within West Germany. Shareholders have authorized the issuance of up to \$200 million in bonds with warrants to replace part of the present long-term Euromarket financing of the \$250-million purchase price of Miles Laboratories.

## Senate Ratifies Tax Treaty With Britain

By Robert C. Siner

WASHINGTON, June 27 (IHT) — The Senate today ratified a tax treaty with Britain after nullifying a provision that would have barred U.S. states from taxing the worldwide income of U.K. corporations with subsidiaries in the United States.

Today's vote reversed action taken by the Senate last Friday when it rejected the treaty after opponents charged that the corporation-tax provision, which would have limited state taxation to income earned in that state, was an unconstitutional intrusion by the federal government into state affairs.

Administration officials and Senate leaders worked over the weekend to develop the new language, which was a modification of a proposal by Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, which he unsuccessfully presented to the Senate on Friday. The modification will now have to be approved by the British Parliament, which had already approved the original treaty.

The new pact replaces a treaty adopted in 1945 with language drawn largely from a model-tax convention developed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in 1963. As did its predecessor, it would serve the dual purpose of preventing double taxation and tax evasion.

In addition to the corporation-tax provision, other major changes from the old treaty include: • Language negating a 1972 British tax court ruling (the Strathclyde decision) which prevented the U.K. from taxing the U.S.-source dividends of shareholder credits, which have hitherto been denied. This involved the advance corporation tax collected at the corporate level on a distribution of dividends. It is

treated both as an advance payment of corporate income tax and as a credit toward the personal tax liability of a U.K. shareholder.

Other sections deal with taxation of interest, pensions, capital gains, income from personal services, business profits and prevention of tax evasion.

Under the terms of the treaty, provisions relating to the advance corporation tax and the U.K. capital-gains tax will be effective on or after April 6, 1975. Provisions affecting the U.K. corporation tax will come into effect after April 1, 1975, and the special domicile rule for years after April 6, 1976. Refunds of tax may be claimed in the manner to be prescribed by the British.

For the United States, credits for taxes paid to Britain after March 31, 1973, will be allowed. For taxes withheld at the source, the treaty would be effective in the United States for taxable years beginning Jan. 1, 1975.

## Detroit's Push in Europe Spurred by Dollar's Fall

By Robert D. Hershey Jr.

BONN, June 27 (NYT) — Spurred mainly by the decline of the dollar against continental currencies, U.S. automakers are beginning to wake up to Western Europe's market potential for Detroit-built cars.

General Motors has led an assault on the European car buyer that shows signs of paying off even for a company with annual sales of \$55 billion. GM sold 5,000 U.S.-made cars in Europe in 1975. The year it reorganized here for the job. This figure doubled to 10,000 in 1976, climbed to 14,000 last year and for 1978 the projection is 23,000 cars, according to Edward Johnson, field operations manager for GM U.S. Car Sales Europe, based in Antwerp.

GM has an estimated 75 percent of the European market for U.S.-made cars, compared with about 50 percent of the U.S. domestic market. Ford is also pushing its U.S.-built, retail food prices in May rose only 0.4 percent after a 1.2-percent rise the previous month.

Interviews with a dozen customers, dealers and company officials indicate that while price is important, and is the first lure new American styling and luxury options are close behind.

The current parity has reduced the cost of the American car for Germans and now those cars offer as much or more for less money than the equivalent European car," said Elmar Metzhold of Automobile AG in Cologne. He said his sales of U.S. imports have doubled in the past 12 months.

Laws imposing fuel-economy standards in the United States, as well as import competition, have forced Detroit to enter world markets.

GM has backed its European drive with substantial advertising, including some in Britain where market gains have been difficult. In addition to a generally lower level of prosperity and "wrong-side" driving, Britain has decided to vigorously enforce the Common Market's strict standards on emission controls and safety, he said.

This is an effort by Britain to protect its own battered car industry, but the action contrasts sharply with its decision to ignore another EEC requirement that the country's truck fleet be equipped with tachographs, devices that record mileage, speed and other information.

## Japan Output Up .3% in May, but 7% Target Moot

### Official White Paper Urges New Measures To Boost Growth to Attain 7% Objective

ing the way. Today's report, however, blamed the slack pace in April and May on slower exports and weaker demand for durable goods. Similar weakness — and possibly some decline — is expected in June and July, the ministry said, warning against optimism based on the first-quarter advance.

Meanwhile, a survey by the Japanese Economic Research Center predicted the nation's economy will slow in the second half of the fiscal year ending March 31, due mainly to the sharp rise of the yen's value against the dollar and sluggish growth in the nation's consumer spending. As a result, predicted gross-national-product growth for the fiscal year, adjusted for inflation, will be 5.2 percent, the institute said.

The survey also pointed out that consumer prices in Japan are expected to rise gradually following the yen's rise and restrictions on export volume of color televisions and steel. However, the value of the nation's exports are forecast to increase very small, it added.

Export volume will not increase greatly from the previous year's results, the group said, reflecting the yen's rise and restrictions on export volume of color televisions and steel. However, the value of the nation's exports are forecast to increase due to price rises by exporters.

Thus, the current-account surplus in the year will be about \$15

billion compared with \$14.03 billion the previous year and the near \$6 billion the government is aiming for. The trade surplus will be about \$21.58 billion, compared with about \$20.43 billion the previous fiscal year, the report forecast. Exports should rise 9.9 percent to \$91.5 billion while imports are seen increasing 11.2 percent to about \$69.92 billion.

Japan Air Lines, All Nippon Airways and Toki Domestic Airlines said they plan to buy a total of 28 aircraft for about \$800 million in the current fiscal year. Reuters reported. They noted the purchases will be made in line with government policy to help reduce the nation's trade surpluses.

The survey also pointed out that consumer prices in Japan are expected to rise gradually following the yen's rise and restrictions on export volume of color televisions and steel. However, the value of the nation's exports are forecast to increase very small, it added.

The institute said it assumed an exchange rate of between 220-to-200 yen to the dollar and approval of additional government expendi-

tures of between 1.2 trillion yen to 1.7 trillion yen later this year. The report sees an increase in corporate profits in the fiscal year, helped by lower costs due to the yen's rise and interest-rate reductions.

### Open Market Urged

Separately, in a white paper on trade, MITI called on the government to further expand the domestic economy, within the limits of increasing inflation, and provide greater access for imports to reduce the growing current-account surplus. It said Japan must import more finished goods, which accounted for only 20 percent of imports last year, even though this may cause a painful transition for its industries.

The nation has become an economic superpower by means of trade, the ministry said, and added it was time to "internationalize" its industrial and trade structure to slow protectionist pressures.

The paper noted that the yen's appreciation did not necessarily curtail Japan's exports by making them more expensive because raw materials costs were cut.

In foreign-exchange trading here, the dollar closed little changed from yesterday at 206.30 yen. No central bank intervention was detected, dealers said.

## Bank Rule Said to Hurt Earnings

### U.S. Controversy Is Seen Erupting

NEW YORK, June 27 (AP-DJ) — Controversy between U.S. bankers and accountants over the question of how banks should account for their troubled real estate loans is set to erupt again.

The issue, which ultimately affects earnings, involves a bank's cost of carrying on its books a loan that a borrower is unable to repay on schedule or at the original interest rate. Under current rules, a bank does not have to reduce the value of such a loan in its earnings report if it thinks the debt is collectible.

However, a bank-auditors' guide under preparation by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants will change this, says Martin Meritz, a partner of the auditing firm of Peat, Marwick and Co. of the committee involved. Under instructions from a higher-level standards-setting body at the institute, he said, the proposed bank-audit guide will bring bank accounting for non-earning loans into conformity with the method currently followed by savings and loan associations and real estate investment trusts.

### Carrying Cost

That standard does not require banks to consider the "cost of carry" of such debts although savings and loans and real estate investment trusts do have to consider this cost which reduces the value of loans delayed in repayment and is charged against earnings.

In calculating the cost of carrying delayed loans, the bank-audit guide will propose that banks use the average cost of their total capital, debt and equity, Mr. Meritz said. This would result in a lower cost than some other proposed methods of making such a calculation, but would still reduce net income.

The proposed change does not affect the valuation of loans that banks do not expect to collect in full. Banks are already required to set up reserves against possible loan losses, reducing the value of their loan portfolios.

## U.S. Deficit on Trade Narrows

### Imports Decline 3.5% in Month

WASHINGTON, June 27 (Reuters) — The U.S. trade deficit narrowed to a seasonally adjusted \$2.24 billion in May from \$2.86 billion in April, the Commerce Department reported today.

Exports rose 1 percent to \$11.75 billion while imports fell 3.5 percent to \$13.99 billion. The May shortfall was the smallest since the \$1.9 billion deficit in September.

So far this year, the deficit totals \$14.77 billion compared with \$8.25 billion in the same period last year.

On the basis used by most U.S. trading partners, which includes the cost of shipping and insuring goods, the May deficit was \$3.14 billion compared with \$3.18 billion in April and \$1.4 billion in May 1977.

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### W. German Surplus Slips

### 6.5% in May; 3.2% in '78

WIESBADEN, West Germany, June 27 (UPI) — West Germany's trade surplus declined 6.5 percent last month to 3.04 billion Deutsche marks, down from 3.25 billion DM in April and 3.618 billion DM in May 1977, the statistics office said today.

Exports for May rose to 22.48 billion DM from 23.93 billion DM in April and imports fell to 19.44 billion DM from 20.67 billion DM and imports 19.12 billion DM.

Exports for the first five months of 1978 rose to 113.69 billion DM from 111.24 billion DM in the corresponding 1977 period and imports rose to 98.76 billion DM from 95.76 billion DM. The figures bring the surplus for the first five months to 14.97 billion DM, down 3.2 percent from the 15.47 billion DM in the 1977 period.

The current account posted a preliminary surplus of 600 million DM in May, compared to



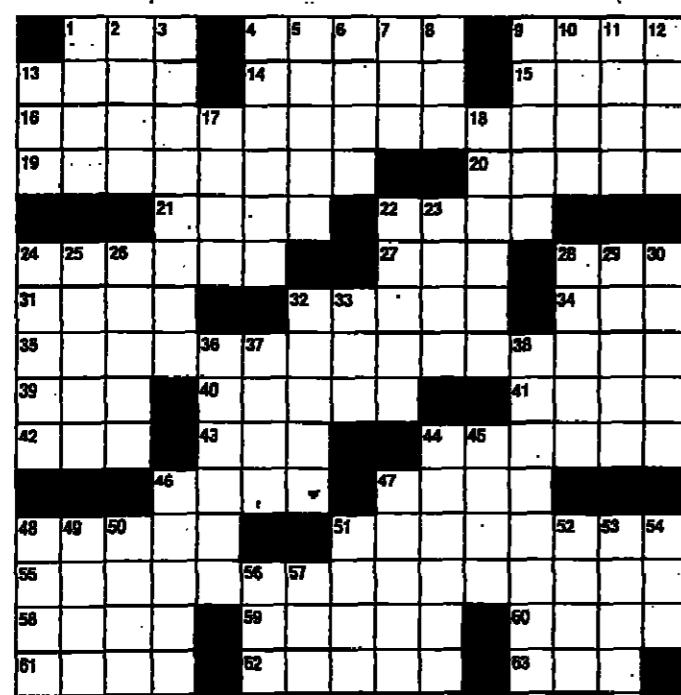






## CROSSWORD

By Eugene T. Maleska



## ACROSS

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14 Legal paper  
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20 Averse  
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22 Front edge of the tibia  
24 Conspiracies  
27 Ultimatum  
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32 Maid of paradise  
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ALGARVE	17 63	clear	MADRID	21 70	clear	
AMSTERDAM	14 57	cloudy	MILAN	20 65	cloudy	
ANCONA	20 65	cloudy	MONTREAL	21 70	cloudy	
ATHENS	30 86	clear	MOSCOW	24 75	cloudy	
BEIRUT	28 82	clear	MUNICH	27 81	cloudy	
BELGRADE	17 63	overcast	NEW YORK	12 53	rain	
BERLIN	13 55	rainy	OSLO	19 70	cloudy	
BERNE	14 57	rainy	PARIS	21 70	clear	
BUCHAREST	19 66	cloudy	PRAGUE	14 57	overcast	
CASABLANCA	21 70	overcast	TEHRAN	16 64	overcast	
COPENHAGEN	17 63	cloudy	STOCKHOLM	18 64	overcast	
COSTA DEL SOL	24 75	clear	TEL AVIV	24 75	clear	
DAVOS	14 57	rainy	TUNIS	24 93	clear	
EDINBURGH	14 41	overcast	VIENNA	25 77	cloudy	
FLORENCE	17 63	cloudy	WARSZAWA	19 70	cloudy	
FRANKFURT	15 59	overcast	WASHINGTON	28 85	sunny	
GENEVA	11 52	showers	ZURICH	11 52	rain	
HAKONE	19 66	cloudy				
ISTANBUL	28 82	cloudy				
LAS PALMAS	22 72	clear				
LISBON	25 77	clear				
LONDON	14 57	overcast				
LOS ANGELES	18 65	cloudy				

## INTERNATIONAL FUNDS

## ADVERTISEMENT

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BANK JULIUS BAER &amp; Co Ltd:

(d) Boerberg ..... SF 745.00  
(d) Gross ..... SF 295.00  
(d) Stockber ..... SF 735.00

BANQUE VON ERNST &amp; Cie:

(d) CSF Fund ..... SF 17.13  
(d) G.F. Fund ..... SF 2.75  
(d) I.T.F. Fund N.V. ....

BRITANNIA TRUST MNGT. (C) Ltd:

(d) Universal Doller Trust ..... SF 5.06  
(d) Universal Doller Trust ..... SF 2.00  
(d) High Interest Sterling ..... SF 1.00

CAPITAL INTERNATIONAL S.A.:

(w) Capital Int'l ..... SF 1.78

Capitol Italia S.p.A. ....

Convertible Capital S.A. ....

CREDIT SUISSE:

(d) Actions Suisses ..... SF 20.27

(d) C.S. Fonds-Bonds ..... SF 49.00

(d) Energie-Votiv ..... SF 6.00

(d) Usect ..... SF 4.20

DIT INVESTMENT FRANKFURT:

(d) Concentra ..... DM 20.00

(d) Int'l Rentenfond ..... DM 71.29

FIDELITY IBERAMA:

(d) Fidelity Amer. Assets ..... SF 22.47

(d) Fidelity Div. Svs. Tr. .... SF 2.45

(d) Fidelity Pct. Fund ..... SF 52.53

(d) Fidelity Pct. Fund ..... SF 1.40

G.T. (BERMUDA) LIMITED:

(w) G.T. Pct. Fund, L.L.C. .... SF 45.05

(d) G.T. Fund ..... SF 7.29

JARDINS FLEMING:

(d) Jardine Japan Fund ..... SF 1.78

(d) Jardine S.E.A. Fund ..... SF 1.52

LLOYDS INT'L MGT. PO Box 179 GENEVA 11

(d) Lloyds Int'l Growth ..... SF 352.00

(d) Lloyds Int'l Income ..... SF 315.50

PROPERTY GROWTH OVERS. Inc.:

(w) U.S. Dollar Fund ..... SF 85.89

(w) Sterling Fund ..... SF 12.76

(w) Spero (N.A.V.) ..... SF 14.04

SO/FD GROUPE GENEVA

(d) 1 Perlon Svs. R. S.E. .... SF 1.55/50

(d) 1 Seurwerts ..... SF 0.50/00

SWISS BANK CORP.:

(d) America-Veler ..... SF 120.25

(d) Int'l. Intervenor ..... SF 52.50

(d) Jason Perella ..... SF 424.25

(d) Univ. Bond Select ..... SF 72.75

(d) 1 Universal Fund ..... SF 74.13

UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND:

(d) Amico U.S. S.N. .... SF 22.25

(d) Bond Invest ..... SF 62.75

(d) Bond Invest ..... SF 107.50

(d) Euro Europe S.N. .... SF 19.50

(d) Forst Swiss S.N. .... SF 19.50

(d) Int'l. Bond Select ..... SF 107.50



